rious major pest problems and a National Centre on Integrated Pest Management have been set up sepecifically to tackle problems connected with Plant Protection. The recommendations made by these institutions are passed on to farmers for adoption through various extension agencies.

In the VIII Plan, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research plans to further strengthen the plant protection programmes.

Ban on shrimp fishing by multipurpose boats in Orissa

466. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRIULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage being caused to shrimp fishing in Orissa by the blatant use of multipurpose trawlers for shrimp fishing;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not issuing instructions to ban such fishing; and

(c) by when Government propose to ban such fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Shrimp production in the last three years in Orissa is indicated below:

Year	Shrimp production in (Tonnes)
1985	5099
1986	6651
1987	5902

The above figures do not indicate any declining trend in the production of shrimp in Orissa.. The marginal fall in 1987 is attributed to natural fluctuations in the abundance.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Report on activities of multi-purpose fishing boats

467. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee set up by Government on the activities of multipurpose fishing boats has submitted its report;

(b) what interim action has been taken to thwart such illegal fishing;

(c) the details of the directions if any, given to the Port authorities in this regard; and

(d) the actual position in view of the long pending representation of the people engaged in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The recommendations in the Report are under examination.

Water crisis in Shimla

468. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shimla has experienced a severe water crisis during this year; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per in formation available Shimla is facing a severe water problem.

(b) The Government of Himachal Pradesh is formulating a project proposal for augmentation of water supply to Shimla from river Sutlej The State Government has been advised to prepare a detailed feasibility re-